

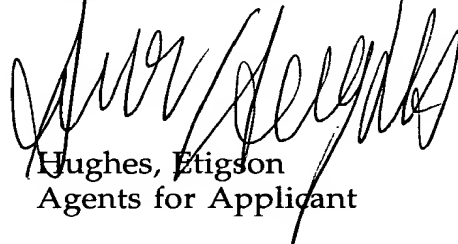
1-10, 12-121, 124-150, 152-186, 188-215, 217, 219-260 and 265-346.

Please amend Claim 218 as follows:

B. Sub
218 (Amended) The combination of Claim 216 [or 217] wherein the hyaluronic acid and salts thereof and/or homologues, analogues, derivatives, complexes, esters, fragments and sub-units of hyaluronic acid is hyaluronic acid and/or salts thereof.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment he is requested to contact Ivor Hughes at the office of Applicant's Agents, Hughes, Etigson, at 905-771-6414.

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